

Maine Charter School Commission

Business Meeting

October 8, 2019 – 1:00pm
 Cross Office Building – Room #541
 Augusta

Law: *To allow charter schools to be established as public schools that: improve pupil learning by creating more high quality schools with high standards for pupil performance; close achievement gaps between high-performing and low-performing groups of public school students; increase high-quality educational opportunities within the public education system; provide alternative learning environments for students who are not thriving in traditional school settings; create new professional opportunities for teachers and other school personnel; encourage the use of different, high-quality models of teaching and other aspects of schooling; and provide students, parents, community members and local entities with expanded opportunities for involvement in the public education system. (MRSA 20-A, §2402)*

Adopted Mission: *The Maine State Charter School Commission will provide thoughtful stewardship in authorizing and monitoring public charter schools consistent with State statutes to create unique, high-quality learning options for Maine students.*

Agenda

| Person Responsible | Item Number | Agenda Item | Commission Responsibility or Performance Framework |
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| <i>Nichi</i> | 1 | Call to Order and Declare a Quorum | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 2 | Reminders | <i>N/A</i> |
| | | This meeting is being recorded. | |
| | | Please turn your cellphones to silent or vibrate. | |
| | | Private conversations should be held in the hallway. | |
| | | Members of the public are asked to sign in. | |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 3 | Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda | <i>N/A</i> |
| | 4 | Requires Approval by Commission | |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 4a | Minutes from the September 10, 2019 Business Meeting (Attached) | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
| <i>Jim</i> | 4b | FY20 Budget vs. Actual – October Report (Attached) | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |

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| <i>Shelley</i> | 4c | Cornville Regional Charter School's Request to Change School Name (Attached) | <i>Authorizing</i> |
| <i>Shelley</i> | 4d | Harpwell Coastal Academy's Request to Add 5 th Grade (Attached) | <i>Authorizing</i> |
| <i>John</i> | 4e | Maine Academy of Natural Science's Request for Professional Development Funds (Attached) | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| <i>Gina</i> | 4f | NWEA Proposed Growth Targets for Schools (Attached) | <i>Performance Framework (Student Academic Growth)</i> |
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| | 5 | Requires Notification to and Acceptance by the Commission | |
| <i>Jana</i> | 5a | Baxter Academy's New Administrators (Attached) | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| <i>John</i> | 5b | Maine Academy of Natural Sciences' New Governing Board Members (Attached) | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| <i>John</i> | 5c | Maine Arts Academy's New Governing Board Members (Attached) | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
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| | 6 | Executive Director/Commission Staff Report | |
| | | School-Related Items: | |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6a | Maine Virtual Academy Renewal Update | <i>Authorization</i> |
| <i>Gina</i> | 6b | NWEA Training Report | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6c | School Leader and Board Chairs Workshop Update (Attached) | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| <i>Gina</i> | 6d | Site Visit Reports | <i>Monitoring/Oversight</i> |
| | | Commission-Related Items: | |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6e | Bates College Session | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6f | MSMA Fall Conference | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6g | NACSA Leadership Conference | <i>Authorization</i> |
| <i>Gina</i> | 6h | National Alliance for Public Charter Schools Lunch Report | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
| <i>Amy</i> | 6i | SharePoint Access Update | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
| <i>Bob</i> | 6j | State Board of Education Update on Commission Member | <i>Organization and Operation</i> |
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| | 7 | Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report | |
| <i>Gina</i> | 7a | Governing Boards Update | <i>Performance Framework (Governing Board Performance and Stewardship)</i> |
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| <i>Nichi</i> | 8 | Comments from Commission Members | <i>N/A</i> |
| | 8a | Chair | |

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| | 8b | Vice Chair | |
| | 8c | School Liaisons | |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 9 | Announcements | N/A |
| | | Turn in Travel and Expense Vouchers | |
| | | Next Business Meeting – November 12, 2019 (Augusta Civic Center – Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room) | |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 10 | Public Comment* | N/A |
| <i>Nichi</i> | 11 | Adjourn | N/A |

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